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1. Applicant's amendment of 4/15/2008 canceling allowed claims 15-32 and presenting allowed claims 1, 3, 5-8, and 12-14 reflecting the status of claims allowed by Examiners Amendment is entered.
2. Claims 1, 3, 5-8 and 12-14 are allowed for reasons given in the Notice of Allowance/Reasons for Allowance mailed 4/8/2008.

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